

HB 3170 Support

Vice Chair Sanchez and members of the committee:

OWRC supports the extension of the WIC and Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Programs.

Healthy foods are essential to healthy lives. Having local produce and fruits available to low income seniors and young children helps them maintain healthy lives.

The farmers in Oregon who grow the produce and fruits also benefit from the programs.

While a small percentage of Oregon's approximately 716,000 seniors (65 and above) participated in the program, the nutritional health of those seniors was aided.

Nutritional health of Oregon's children should be of interest to the whole state. They are our future: future doctors, firefighters, teachers and small business persons.

Please continue this program and advance the bill.

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